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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2003 AT 5:30 PM

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

18TH FLOOR, ROOM 3 (18-3)

AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting of October 29, 2003

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IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (*time limit 3 minutes each speaker*)

V. ACTION ITEMS

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VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

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B. 2004 ANNUAL AND QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS – *Jill Strube, FIU*

C. UPDATE: CTAC ON MDX – *Norman Wartman, CTAC*

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

VIII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT - *5 Minutes*

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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B. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

C. ELDERLY AND DISABLED SUBCOMMITTEE

D. AVIATION SUBCOMMITTEE

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X. OLD BUSINESS

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A. CTAC Subcommittee	01/14/04
B. CTAC Full Committee	01/28/04
C. MPO Governing Board	02/05/04
D. TPC	01/20/04
E. TPTAC	01/14/04
F. BPAC	01/28/04
G. TARC	01/07/04
H. LRTP	01/28/04
I. CITT	12/15/03

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2003

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Frank Hernandez, Chair
Mike Hatcher, First Vice-Chair
Norman Wartman, Second Vice-Chair
Rolando Acosta
Jose de Almagro
Willie Duckworth
Daniel Fils-Aime
Maurice Gan
Mac Glasgow
Ramon Irigoyen

Christopher Morton
Mario Nuevo
Ramon Ramos
Bernard Superstein
Lee Swerdlin
Naomi Wright
Frank Zeinali

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Paul Chance, CTAC Secretariat Assistant
Juanda Ferguson, Alednam
Stephanie Cohan, MPO
Jill Strobe, FIU
Dave Barlett, Citizen
Mario Garcia, MDT
Oscar Camejo, MPO
Hudson Gaulman, MDT (Retired)
Delfin Molins, MDPWD
Ron Freeland, Parsons

Mr. Frank Hernandez, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mac Glasgow moved the agenda and the motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mac Glasgow moved for the approval of the minutes for the October 29, 2003 meeting and the motion was seconded by Norman Wartman.

III. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS

No new members

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Barlett is a member of the Regional Business Alliance, a group composed of business people from Dade, Broward and Palm Beach County. Their main goal is to find a funding source for the newly formed Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). They will try to get the monies through a Community Redevelopment Authority type of mechanism. He will go into details at a later date.

He attended a Citizens Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) meeting where they discussed road and bridge projects and how they were attempting to complete them quickly. Mr. Barlett expressed concern as one of the CITT members said, "by the way once you get that 10 year program (road & bridge projects) done, you might want to get started on the next ten years." Mr. Barlett hopes before Miami-Dade County adds any new road and bridge projects to the plan the 89 miles of Metrorail should be completed as promised by the People Transportation Plan (PTP). In the future, Mr. Barlett is asking CTAC to consider passing a Resolution saying, "rapid transit projects should be completed before adding different types of projects." Mr. Barlett informed the Committee that Lt. Col. Antonio Colmenares made the statement. Mr. Barlett explains that there were 67% of the votes for transit and approximately 25% of vote for roads and projects. Norman Wartman then asked what percent of the money is distributed to each transportation division. Mr. Barlett did not know.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Mario Garcia, MDT Planning, reminded the CTAC members that he presented the Transit Development Plan (TDP) to the Subcommittee and was now at the full Committee asking for a Resolution recommending the approval of the TDP to the MPO Board.

Mac Glasgow made a motion to move the draft Resolution and was seconded by Norman Wartman and was opened up for discussion and question. Lee Swerdlin and Rolando

Acosta both shared concerns regarding the spending on bus maintenance and if the money coming from the PTP. Mr. Garcia explained that some of the money may come from the PTP. Staff has looked at this issue and they are not completely comfortable that the “Maintenance of Effort” dollars are not indexed. He thinks CTAC should continue to monitor how the PTP monies are being spent. Upon being put to a vote, the draft Resolution was passed unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. UPWP DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM

Oscar Camejo, MPO Staff, is in the process of seeking ideas from the citizens and other agencies for transportation studies. Norman Wartman proposed to have a subcommittee meeting in January so they can gather all the Resolutions and ideas they have on transportation studies to give to Mr. Camejo.

B. 2004 ANNUAL AND QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS

Jill Strube, FIU, informed the Committee they would be producing the MPO’s Annual and Quarterly Newsletters for 2004. She updated the Committee about some format changes in next years’ newsletters. There was input from the CTAC that the pictures of the Commissioners should be on the inside and not on the front page. There was some discussion among CTAC members that there is too much focus on pictures of the MPO Board and not enough information about transportation.

Elizabeth Rockwell explained to the Committee how the newsletter is disseminated throughout Miami-Dade County: by using Miami Herald, public libraries and Team Metro Offices. Ms. Rockwell also explained the Annual Newsletter will be disseminated in Spanish, English and Creole community newspapers. Frank Hernandez suggested adding an acronym list to help citizens of the community understand the transportation lingo.

C. UPDATE: CTAC ON MDX

Norman Wartman reported that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) accepted the report and would like all the Commissioners to be debriefed. Mr. Wartman said most of the Commissioners have been very supportive of CTAC getting back on the MDX Board. There are three Commissioners remaining in the process of being scheduled. He hopes to meet with all the Commissioners by the middle of January.

Ramon Ramos expressed that CTAC should change their selection format in electing people to other Boards. He suggested there should be an internal voting system instead of people being appointed by the Chair or the Chair being self-elected.

Maurice Gan requested an amendment to CTAC Resolution 19–02 for his vote to be “Aye” not “Abstain”. Paul Chance was recognized by Elizabeth Rockwell for setting up all the appointments with the County Commissioners and their appointees.

Maurice Gan wanted to make note of his discussion with Commissioner Heyman. Commissioner Heyman feels that a member of CTAC should be on every transportation related County Board.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

Frank Hernandez spoke with Commission Barreiro and he assured Mr. Hernandez that he would submit a name to be appointed to fill his District's vacancy.

Mr. Hernandez informed the Committee that the February CTAC meeting will be preceded with a Public Hearing for the Triennial MPO Certification process.

Mr. Hernandez has appointed Frank Zeinali as the new CTAC representative on the CITT Nominating Committee. Peggy Hollander has been appointed as the new Chair for the Legislative Subcommittee. The Chairman also updated the Committee on all CITT members that were selected.

Mr. Hernandez asked the members to email Elizabeth Rockwell or Paul Chance transportation issues that can be placed on the CTAC Working List.

Mr. Hernandez expressed concern with the direction CITT is taking in respect to hearing and reviewing new items that is not part of the PTP. For example, the watercraft and using that as part of mass transit. The project is a 70 million dollar project from paper to reality. Mr. Hernandez believes that any of the projects that are going to go in front of the CITT, especially dealing with mass transit or public works, should go through CTAC.

Mr. Hernandez also asked for someone to make a motion for a Resolution recognizing Stephanie Cohan for her outstanding work. Mac Glasgow made a motion and it was seconded by Mike Hatcher. The motion was passed unanimously.

VIII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT

Elizabeth Rockwell informed the Committee that there are members in Violation of 2-11.39 of the Dade County Code. This issue will be discussed at the February Subcommittee meeting.

In March, Ms. Rockwell and Mr. Chance will kick-off a membership drive to recruit new members to CTAC.

She also informed the members when responding to a citizen, information will now include CTAC District Representative and all At-Large CTAC representative, name, email, and phone number for them to call and discuss any transportation issues.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE

B. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

C. ELDERLY AND DISABLED SUBCOMMITTEE – Mr. Mac Glasgow spoke about the Medicaid transportation that can cost the taxes payers 3 million dollars out of pocket.

Medicaid is only going to give Medicaid customers limited amount of money for transportation. The customers will pay the difference. Right now Medicaid pays for every trip provided by the state. The new Para-transit in Dade County has been delayed another month.

D. AVIATION SUBCOMMITTEE MARITIME SUBCOMMITTEE

E. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

(No reports were given for items A, B and D, E)

X. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Lee Swerdlin introduced the Anti-Gridlock law. This law enforces the flow of traffic without spending any money. He is requested that staff find out more specifics about the penalties and enforcement associated with this law.

Naomi Wright wants to make a note that any time CITT votes to change something in the PTP. She feels the CTAC should know when any changes are made and that those changes should be taken to the BCC for their approval.

Mike Hatcher would like to create a master calendar with dates and times of the various events taking place regarding transportation. Ms. Rockwell said she sits on the Public Involvement management team (PIMT) and they will be emailing each other on up coming events and will be getting that information out to CTAC members. MPO staff will be creating a unified calendar on the website only detailing MPO specific events. Mr. Hatcher would like a break sheet of current projects that have a general fund and projects that are funded through the PTP.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

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